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METHOD OF FORMING A TRENCH FOR USE IN MANUFACTURING A

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 27, 2004, Applicants elect the first species which pertains to Figs. 4A-4C, and claims 1-15 and 20-24 correspond to these figures.

The election is without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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